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REPORTS PROGRESS ON MALIQ SUGAR COMBINE CONSTRUCTION; SCORES POOR SERVICE AND MERCHANDISE IN STORES, RESTAURANTS

PRODUCTION MAY BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1951 -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 13 Jan 51

Work was begun on the Maliq Sugar Combine 14 May 1949. A total of 600 unskilled laborers and 230 specialists have been employed in the enterprise. It is estimated that the factory will go into production by September 1951. The installation of the machinery is about to begin.

Of the 60 installations to be built, 16 have been completed and 44 are well under way. What was formerly a meadow is now developing into a small industrial city, covering 250,000 square meters. To date, 90,000 cubic meters of earth have been moved; workers have built 16,400 cubic meters of stone and brick waters, 3,870 cubic meters of simple and reinforced concrete, 11,200 square meters of roofing, 3,600 square meters of doors and windows, and have laid 7,200 meters of piping. Approximately 126,000 lek have been spent. The machinery and most of the materials received at Durres have been from the USSR.

In 1950, the Maliq Combine received the banner of the Council of Ministers for the first 3-month period. In 1949, it fulfilled its plan 106 percent, and in 1950, by 123 percent.

CALLS FOR IMPROVED SUPPLIES, SUPERVISION -- Tirana, Zeri I Popullit, 4 Feb 51

Stores and restaurants in the Kolonje District have often been criticized for their poor service. Unfortunately little has been done to correct the situation. Sales personnel often treat customers rudely. In addition, supplies of goods, fruits, vegetables, and other groceries have not been arriving according to schedule at the distributing agencies. In pastry shops cakes are frequently of unequal size. In restaurants and cooperative canteens, hygienic conditions leave much to be desired, service is slow, portions small, and prices high.

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These deficiencies are due, in large part, to the negligence of the Executive Committees and other responsible organizations. The Executive Committee of the Kolonje District has made a complete analysis of the situation and has issued directives, but has failed to follow up its action by checking and investigation. The governmental commercial organs have also failed to issue practical instructions and have satisfied themselves with vague statements.

Steps must be taken to insure better supplies of food and goods to stores and restaurants, in accordance with the specified norms, and to guarantee better service of customers and patrons.

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